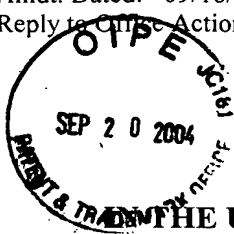


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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office action of June 16, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**No Amendments to the Claims** are being made in this response. For the convenience of the Examiner, Applicant has included a complete listing of the pending claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.